GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Mandatory Hallmarking
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for mandatory Hallmarking of gold and silver items ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to ensure purity of the items made from these precious metals;

(d) whether the Government has set up recognized hallmarking centers across the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : The Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 has enabling provisions for making hallmarking of precious metal articles mandatory by the Central Government.
(c) : The objective of the hallmarking scheme is to ensure purity of precious metal articles.

(d) to (f) : Madam, no hallmarking centre has been set up by Central Government or by Bureau of Indian Standards. Hallmarking centres are generally set up by private entrepreneurs. As on 30th June 2016 there are 376 BIS recognized hallmarking centres across the country, state wise details of which are given in the Annexure.

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